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UNITED JEWISH APPEAL

A state of financial emergency exists in Israel because of its open-door policy for unlimited immigration.

"America must have a decisive role in the future of Israel," declared Henry Morgenthau, former Secretary of the Treasury and general chairman of the nation-wide campaign for \$272,455,800 to meet the needs in Israel and elsewhere. Mr. Morgenthau revealed that plans had been made to mobilize 110,000 men and women throughout the United States "as a volunteer army to raise the largest sum ever contributed to the United Jewish Appeal."

To meet the critical need of new immigrants in Israel bank loans are to be made by Jewish communities in leading cities throughout the country. These loans are to be repaid out of contributions to be received by the United Jewish Appeal during the coming months.

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Elementary Conversational 7:30-8:40

Tuesday Nights:

"Whys and Wherefores of Jewish Observances" with Dr. Hoenig 8-10

PASSOVER RELIEF

In accordance with their annual custom, our Women's League is soliciting contributions for the Passover Relief Fund which assists needy families.

If you have not already done so, will you kindly send your contribution for this cause to the West Side Institutional Synagogue, 120 West 76th Street, attention of Mrs. Jacob Goodman, Chairman.

Checks should be made payable to "Women's League, W.S.I.S. Passover Fund."

COUNCILMAN STANLEY M. ISAACS TO ADDRESS MEN'S CLUB MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 20th

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PASSOVER PREPARATIONS

What Is Chametz-

Food or drinks made from wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn and other grains are subject to the laws of chametz. Grain vinegar and products containing vinegar such as pickles, horseradish, etc., are chametz. All articles made of flour, such as matzos, cakes, macaroons, etc., require reliable endorsement by a "Rav", a properly ordained Orthodox leader. No one else is qualified to pass on Jewish law.

Endorsement is also required for candy, soft drinks, wines, liquors, milk, canned foods and dried fruits. All green vegetables may be used except rice, millet, peas and beans.

Because of chaotic conditions in American Jewish life which permit irresponsible merchants to take advantage of a gullible public by indiscriminately posting "Kosher L'Pesach" labels on articles which are unquestionably chametz, do not purchase any products unless the "Kosher L'Pesach" sign, **attested by Rabbinical authority** is obviously a part of the legend **printed on the container by the manufacturer**. In any questionable case, consult your Rabbi. He will be happy to advise you.

We are advised by a prominent pediatrician that dextrose, lactose, or cane sugars, which are not derived from the fermentation of grain, may be substituted on Passover for Chometz ingredients generally used in preparing the baby's formula. Consult your doctor accordingly.

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Hon. Stanley M. Isaacs

Minority Leader Stanley M. Isaacs, of the New York City Council, will be the guest speaker at the Open Meeting of the Men's Club to be held in the Social Hall this Monday evening, March 20th at 8:30 p.m. sharp. President Max Lazarus will preside. The topic of the evening is: "What the citizen can do to make New York City live up to democratic ideals."

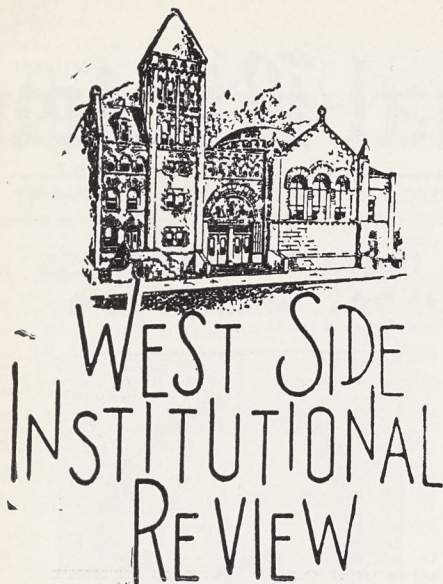
Councilman Isaacs is an alumnus of Columbia College. He is a member of the New York Bar, and has practiced law and been active in the real estate business during his long and colorful career.

From 1938 to 1941 Mr. Isaacs was President of the Borough of Manhattan. His single greatest achievement during this time was the planning and construction of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive (formerly East River Drive). He is also a member of numerous educational, philanthropic and social welfare agencies.

All our members and friends are cordially invited to attend.

P.T.A. MEETING TUESDAY

The forthcoming Passover Holidays will be featured at our P.T.A., Tuesday evening, March 21, at 8:30 o'clock. A short business meeting and refreshments will follow. All parents invited.



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Have you joined the procession of persons who consider the true interests of Traditional Judaism? Make checks payable to the West Side Institutional Synagogue Yeshiva Fund.

MUSIC LOVERS CIRCLE TO HEAR TSCHAIKOWSKY AND MOZART

The Music Lovers Circle will meet this Sunday night, March 19 at 8 P.M. in the Club Room. The feature works to be performed will be recordings of Tschaiowsky's Symphony No. 6 (Pathétique) and Mozart's Piano Concerto. The program will begin with the playing of several Strauss Waltzes.

Please Note!

A modern Ritualarium is located in our community, at 158 W. 97th St. MO 3-0300.



386th OF THE 613 BIBLICAL COMMANDMENTS

**"To Put Tzitsis Upon
One's Garment."**

By Rabbi Herbert S. Goldstein

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Following is a detailed description of how the Tzitsis "fringes" are made. Four threads of wool are inserted in each of the four corners of the garment or talis. For the sake of clarity, let me here emphasize the fact that each of the four corners is treated in exactly the same manner, and that the following description refers only to one corner. First the four threads referred to above, are knotted twice, leaving eight threads suspended. One of these eight threads must be twisted around the others seven times. Next comes two more knots followed by eight more twists of one of the threads around all the others. The total number of the twisting is 15 which is the same number as the numerical value of the first two letters of the Tetragrammon, the "incommunicable" name of G-d. Then comes a

LAWS OF PASSOVER

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Children should not be fed chametz during Passover unless a physician has so ordered and after a Rabbi has been consulted.

Dishes and Utensils

Since we are not permitted to have any trace of leaven in our food during Passover, special attention must be given to dishes and utensils. It is, of course, best to use dishes and utensils especially set aside for Passover use. However, under certain conditions, some of the utensils used throughout the year may also be used on Passover. However, they must then be "Kashered" or prepared in a special manner for Passover use.

Public Kashering of Vessels

The public kashering of utensils will be held at our Synagogue on Thursday, March 30 from 10 A.M. until 2 P.M.

Preparing Oven or Stove

Every part of the oven or stove which may have been reached by

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third set of double knots followed by eleven more twistings of one thread around all the others, corresponding to the numerical value of the last two letters of G-d's ineffable name יהוה. A fourth set of double knots, followed by thirteen twistings, corresponds to the numerical value of אחד "one," the last word of the "Shema." "Hear, O Israel, the L-rd our G-d, the L-rd is One." Finally comes a fifth set of knots, from which the eight threads remain suspended.

The five double knots correspond to the five senses which are to be utilized only in the service of G-d. The eight threads correspond to the eight principle limbs of the body, ears, eyes, nose, mouth, hands, feet, sexual organs, and heart, which may be instruments of sin or virtue.

The Rabbis stress the Hebrew original "veraitem oto" which may also be translated as "that ye may see Him." They say that by looking at the fringes as they are constructed and realizing the symbolic significance of their construction makes one mindful of G-d.

The commandment to weave Tzitsis was given only to Israelites, as it is written, "Speak unto the sons of Israel, that they make fringes." Therefore, Tzitsis made by anyone else, even by women, are not kosher. One who owns a garment, and has it in his wardrobe, is not obliged to place Tzitsis thereon. He is only commanded to insert Tzitsis when he wears it.

food during the year, must be thoroughly cleaned and scraped. The oven and range must then be heated to a glow. During Passover, special tin sheets are placed over the top of the range to prevent contact with Passover utensils.

Clothing and Linen

Clothing containing starch may be worn. However, heavily starched table cloths should not be used for Passover purpose. Plastic table cloths are permissible.

Search For Chametz

The house should be thoroughly cleansed of chametz during the week before Pesach. All closets, cabinets, cupboards and all other places where one suspects the existence of chametz, should be thoroughly inspected. Even the pockets of clothing should be searched.

Special Laws This Year

In previous issues of the Review, laws and suggestions for this year's complicated Erev Pesach were presented. You may receive additional copies of those issues by calling for them at our office.

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Rabbi Hurwitz's Talmud Class 4:45

Mr. Isaac Allen's Talmud Class 4:45

Mincha Service 5:45

Reader of Torah: Leisha Langer

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The Sabbath Terminates 6:32

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Mazel Tov to the 106 young rabbis who were ordained last Sunday with the traditional "Semicha" by the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University. . . . **Congratulations** to Camp North Star for having engaged the services of Rabbi Preil, of our Cultural and Youth Department, as Camp Rabbi and Educational Director for the coming summer. . . . Harry Hershfield has called up twice to tell Rabbi Goldstein how much he regretted his inability to be with us recently. He promised to be our speaker for Monday night, **March 27th**. Keep the date open as he will certainly be with us then. . . . The good ladies of our Women's League are not only occupied with our Synagogue activities, but they usually provide a large quota of workers to outside communal activities. The committee of the forthcoming Yeshiva University Women's Organization Luncheon, which is to be held at the Waldorf-Astoria on Wednesday afternoon, March 22nd, includes our President, Mrs. Harry Ward; our Executive Vice-President, Mrs. Samuel W. Siegel; one of our Vice-Presidents, Mrs. George Livingston; and our Treasurer, Mrs. Sadie Lippman. . . . **Congratulations** to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Fox upon the recent marriage of their son. . . . A **speedy recovery** to Ben Hirschhorn and to Dr. Isadore W. Kahn. . . . **Happy Birthday** to Seymour Bernstein, George Bloom, Mrs. Joseph Buchsbaum, Morty Cohen, Max Dabek, Mrs. David Don, Mrs. A. M. Druckman, Morris Edelson, Mrs. Allen Fox, Mrs. Samuel Greenfield, Herbert Hirsch, Louis Katz, Mrs. Leopold Lunitz, Mrs. Benjamin Shapiro, and Avigdor Ziskin. . . . **Anniversary Greetings** to Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Greenman, Mr. and Mrs. Herman William Hirsch (celebrating their silver wedding anniversary), Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Toch and Mr. and Mrs. Max E. Sanders. . . . **Welcome** Mr. Abraham Chanaleles of Venezuela. . . . A vote of thanks to Sandra and Michael Goodman who helped our Passover Relief Committee, in getting the letters of appeal out so promptly. . . .

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